



San Francisco Public Library

SAN FRANCISCO PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMISSION

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 19, 2014

(Approved at the regular meeting of September 18, 2014)

The San Francisco Public Library Commission held a regular meeting on Thursday, June 19, 2014 in the Koret Auditorium Main Library.

The meeting was called to order at 4:39 pm.

Commissioners present: Lee, Mall, Ono and Wardell-Ghirarduzzi.

President Ono said because of the length of the agenda and the anticipation of a lot of speakers we are going to limit public comment today to two minutes.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Peter Warfield, Executive Director, Library Users Association, stated the Commission is ignoring the Sunshine Ordinance because it is not allowing three minutes for public testimony. He stated the man who was accused of the so-called chair attack was acquitted. He stated the library has a long record of falsely accusing people including the chair attacker. He stated the library has a whole range of unlawful actions determined by the Sunshine Task Force and the FPPC against the City Librarian.

Ray Hartz, Director, San Francisco Open Government, stated the Sunshine Ordinance says specifically that members of the public should be allowed to speak up to three minutes. He stated Luis Herrera has filed false statements of economic interest when he lied about gifts from the Friends and the Commission has engaged in illegal discussions and action in an attempt to cover up his illegal actions. He asked when the Commission will place on the agenda an opportunity for full public discussion of the issue.

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Luis Herrera has for years filed false SEIs on which he lied about gifts received from “The Friends.” Subsequently, this commission engaged in illegal discussions and actions in an attempt to “cover-up his illegal actions and the commission’s failure to hold him to assume that you no longer support Luis Herrera’s flagrant violations of law and his failure to carry out his fiduciary responsibilities as relate to public monies raised and expended by “The Friends?” No member of the public, member of this commission, or SFPL employee should have any doubt about the fact that Mr. Herrera is basically a dishonest person! When will this commission place on the agenda an opportunity for full public discussion of this issue? There is no question about whether Mr. Herrera is honest, the only issue that remains is whether you are?

Bert Paradise stated he was concerned that the computers in the library that are not being used after 7:00 pm and were not made available for a longer time. He stated under Patron Code of Conduct number 2 people who bring guns into the library are only going to be kept out of the library for a year the first time and he thinks that is way too lenient.

AGENDA ITEM 2 BAYVIEW BRANCH LIBRARY RENAMING

Luis Herrera, City Librarian, said this item is a discussion regarding the possible renaming of the Bayview Branch Library in honor of Linda Brooks-Burton. He stated Linda was a loved and revered librarian in the San Francisco Public Library system and passed away on September 19, 2013. He said she was the Managing Librarian of the Bayview Branch for 15 years and was the Southeast District Manager. He said in your packet is the letter that formally requests the beginning of the process of the renaming and a draft resolution. He said you also have the San Francisco Public Library Commission Naming Policy. He said the policy lists a number of criteria including a consensus from the community of library users and residents to name and add the name of the proposed honoree to the building. He explained the procedure for the renaming. He said it does require that a Commission meeting be held at the library or in the community for consideration of the renaming
Explanatory document: [Policy 601 – Library Facilities Naming Policy; draft resolution](#) and [Letter requesting renaming](#).

Public Comment

Ray Hartz, Director San Francisco Open Government, said he strongly supports this motion to name the Bayview Branch in honor of Linda Brooks-Burton.

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I strongly support this motion to name the Bayview branch in honor of Linda Brooks-Burton! For all of the reasons listed in the memorandum, she is fully deserving of this honor and I only regret

this was not done in time for her to appreciate this accolade. It is particularly appropriate given the fact that the Bayview branch was one of the last to be started and completed. I believe she deserves an acknowledgment of her efforts which goes beyond what is listed in the resolution. It needs to be stated publicly that she achieved all of the things listed, and more, in the face of all the obstacles placed in the way by both the library and this library commission. Without her efforts I seriously doubt the Bayview would have its long-deserved and well-deserved branch of the SFPL. Every citizen of San Francisco is indebted to Linda Brooks Burton.

Jarod Templeton, stated it goes without saying that there is no other name that should be attached to this building than Linda Brooks-Burton. He encouraged the Commission to waive whatever time requirements are in the policy and to have her name added to the Bayview Library.

Lydia Benson White stated the Bayview community is formally requesting that the Bayview Branch be renamed in honor of a woman who embodied the heart and soul of promoting free education for all, Linda Brooks-Burton. She said as part of our request we are submitting 2,981 signatures and comments from some of the people who signed up on line, additional surveys and letters and some background on Linda.

Kevin Epps said he is an activist and filmmaker who hails from Hunters Point and he wanted to give his strong support in naming the Bayview Branch in the name of Linda Brooks-Burton.

Melissa Ryan said she was speaking for the Librarians Guild and the Librarian's Chapter of SEIU. She said they are entirely in favor of this renaming for Linda Brooks-Burton.

Oscar James said he is a resident and activist in Bayview Hunters Bay Point and he is a trustee at St. Johns Missionary Baptist Church and a Deacon. He said we have full support from our church to support the library being renamed after Linda Brooks-Burton. He said he begs and pleads that you will change the name and put her picture up so that when the young people go they can see something positive that African Americans have done in the community.

Peter Warfield, Executive Director, Library Users Association, said he agrees with the renaming of the branch for Linda Brooks-Burton but he thinks that the time constraints should be followed.

Commission Discussion

Luis Herrera, City Librarian, responded to a question from Commissioner Mall about the film that was referred to and said the name of the film is Straight Out of Hunters Point. He said there is another documentary that will be premiering next week called the Point of Pride the People's View of the Bayview Hunters Point and it is about civil rights in that area. He

said Linda Brooks-Burton was instrumental in securing the grant for the film. He said this item is a discussion item today to begin the process. He said the next step is to have a hearing in the community at the Bayview Library.

Commissioner Mall said she wanted to thank all of the people who made public comment and she said she wishes that she had had a chance to meet her. She said she is sort of jealous that people were inspired by her and she is sorry that she personally did not have a chance to know her.

Commissioner Wardell-Ghirarduzzi said thank you to the people who attended today and made comments about Linda Brooks-Burton life and her contributions.

Commissioner Lee said it is very inspiring and he thinks that the process will go well.

President Ono thanked everyone for coming today along with gathering all the signatures, online comments and letters. She said she would like to read through them and she looks forward to the community meeting.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 LIBRARY PATRON CODE OF CONDUCT

Luis Herrera, City Librarian, said this is a discussion item on the Library's Patron Code of Conduct. He said we have had two prior conversations with the Commission in February and April. He said the idea is to gather input and hear from the Commission about proposed changes.

Michael Lambert, Deputy City Librarian, said we have been working with the Office of the City Attorney and various stakeholders to update the rules and regulations governing the use of the library. He gave a presentation on the latest draft of the Patron Code of Conduct and highlighted various changes. He said the library has worked with the Coalition on the Homeless on updating the appeals process and have created a new procedure to allow a patron to bring a patron advocate of their choosing who may support them during the hearing. He said we are working to develop a new arbitration process, a second tier hearing that will allow an individual to meet with a second tier arbitrator who will make a binding and final decision.

Luis Herrera, City Librarian, said we are including a training component for our security personnel and our public service staff. He said we have been successful in including in our budget not just support for our building and patron officers and additional custodial support, but also some additional support for bridging the gap between the 60 hours the library is open and the 40 hour social service worker. He said the amount of security incidents have dropped.

Explanatory documents: Draft [Library Patron Code of Conduct](#).

Public Comment

Peter Warfield, Executive Director, Library Users Association, stated this revision of the Patron Code of Conduct is something of an improvement over the prior draconian formulations of which there have been two, but it is still not good enough by far. He stated there has been no information as to what has been changed or why. He stated there are many issues that need to be addressed.

Ray Hartz, Director, San Francisco Open Government, stated without public participation the draconian and probably illegal rules initially set for approval would already be in place. He stated there have been many permutations of these rules and that it is impossible for anyone to have a true understanding as to how this will be carried out. He stated he hopes that some degree of pressure will not be required to ensure that the staff is properly trained prior to any implementation.

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One of the reasons I fight so hard for public participation in meetings is exemplified by this agenda item. Without public participation these draconian and probably illegal rules initially set for approval would be in place. We have seen so many permutations of these rules, that it is impossible for anyone to have an understanding as to how this will be carried out. That includes not only members of the public who will be affected by these rules, but, also the staff who will have the onerous responsibility for operating under them. It is fair neither to the patrons nor the staff for this library commission to enact a policy which they have been forced to repeatedly revise and do so only with ongoing public pressure! I hope that same degree of pressure will not be required to ensure that the staff is properly trained prior to any implementation.

Brent Paradise stated he thinks the suspension for illegal drugs of three months, six months and one year is a little lenient.

Lisa Marie Alatorre from the Commission on Homelessness said they still oppose the penalty increases but they are excited about the opportunity to work alongside you and collaborate with you. She said she is happy to see that the next item on the agenda is the ALA Policy Statement but she wishes it had come before this item because we are talking about as a different sort of approach

Melissa Riley, Librarians Guild, stated it is great to have the legal codes included and she hopes they will be hyperlinked eventually. She said there may be some changes they will be recommending. She stated we want to make this a safe and welcoming place for everyone including staff.

Amanda said she is with the Coalition on Homelessness and she wanted to thank the library for working with the Coalition. She stated that she thinks we need to start getting more creative and stop punishing people.

Scott Staub, Executive Director, Friends of the San Francisco Public Library, welcomed the new Commissioner. He stated the Patron Code of Conduct is important because it is for the safety of not only our users but also staff and this is particularly important.

Isaac stated that he thinks some of these rules can be tampered with by the library staff. He said sometimes you have to look at the staff and not just the patron.

Deborah Doyle welcomed the new Commissioner. She said she is with the Friends of the Library but she is also the President of the California Library Association and on the Board of the National Section of the American Library Association that represents Friends, Trustees and Foundations. She stated we are not the only community facing these issues. She stated that this conversation is being watched all over the country. She stated we are a terrific model and the staff is to be applauded.

Commission Discussion

Commissioner Mall stated she would like number 25, sleeping in the library to be eliminated as a violation. She stated she does not think a warning on number 27 is enough using SFPL facilities for other than their intended purpose. She stated whatever we have on this document should be real and should be workable.

Luis Herrera, City Librarian, stated some of these violations have safety concerns such as people hurting themselves or others. He stated it is a safety issue for both security staff and the police. He stated that we can go back and look at some of the wording.

Commissioner Mall said these issues are the toughest things we deal with. She said we are making progress but we need to take our time and do it right.

Commissioner Wardell-Ghirarduzzi said she has actually written code of conduct policies in her context as a former Dean of Students. She said there are probably some specifics that she might be able to add and help with some language. She said we need to be very clear about what we want this Code of Conduct to communicate to the community about who we are and what we aspire and what we believe in.

Commissioner Lee said this is a very tricky issue. He said only one of the public comments said that this is too lenient where others say that it is too stringent. He said he does not know how to solve this problem but it is worth trying. He said hopefully people will change their behavior so he doesn't know how you balance the third offense.

Commissioner Wardell-Ghirarduzzi said code of conducts are complex and we have to create in writing a document that is affirmative as well as responsive and at the same time recognize that it is a work in progress. She said it is not unusual to relook and rewrite codes based upon what we learn once implemented.

Luis Herrera, City Librarian, said we welcome the Commission's help on preparing the prelude and it was interesting hearing Commissioner Wardell-Ghirarduzzi's experience on preparing a code of conduct. He said the other thing he is hearing is that we do have to strike a balance and insure our public that everyone is welcome and that it is about behavior. He said it is not just the enforcement part, but the training that is very important. He said we are including additional support for the social services portion including the Health and Safety Associates.

Commissioner Wardell-Ghirarduzzi said on the arbitration portion she would look a little bit more at having more voices and having training for both internal library workers and others. She said it is important to look at models and see what the best models are like in order to get a tight due process.

President Ono said if we want to make further changes once this is adopted will we need to come back to the Commission.

Luis Herrera, City Librarian, said that the recommendation is for the Commission to approve the Code of Conduct at a future meeting and allow us to administratively work on the hearing and arbitration process and to give us flexibility as that evolves. He said if there are changes to the Code of Conduct we will bring those back to the Commission. He said the last time this was updated was 2007.

President Ono clarified if there are any changes it will come back to the Commission for review. She said she likes that the Code references are included.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 ENDORSEMENT OF ALA POLICY STATEMENT: LIBRARY SERVICES TO THE POOR

Luis Herrera, City Librarian, said this item is related to the previous one but we wanted to separate them because it was a recommendation specifically by the Coalition of Homelessness to have the Commission endorse this policy statement from the American Library Association (ALA) that has been on the books for quite a while. He said we have made the statement available for your endorsement with changes or going back and re-crafting a different philosophical statement on underserved and poor communities. He said this is a policy for you to take action on, either today or at a future Commission meeting.

Explanatory documents: [ALA Policy Statement: Library Services to the Poor](#)

Public Comment

Peter Warfield, Library Users Association, stated we would certainly approve the library's adoption but to make it real you need to make it real and enact what this says. He said what was included in the agenda packet was a single paragraph and not the details. He stated he would recommend that the Commission adopt this and look at the full document and make it real and establish a staff committee that would look at the implementation of all of them.

Ray Hartz, Director, San Francisco Open Government, stated it is truly bizarre that this agenda item follows discussion of the library patron code of conduct. He stated you have spent an immense amount of time and energy coming up with ways to deny access and following with a brief statement saying that citizens should have access.

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I find it truly bizarre that this agenda item follows discussion of the library patron code of conduct. Having a familiarity with how this library commission has operated in the past, I see this is nothing but a hypocritical attempt to deny access to members of the public and at the same time affirm a policy so likely to provide unfettered access for all! In the Navy we used to call this CYA or "cover your ass!" Spending immense amounts of time and energy coming up with ways to deny access and following with a brief statement saying that citizens should have access. It has been the policy of Jewelle Gomez and Luis Herrera to maintain total control of the agenda. It is long overdue that an item relating to "new business" be placed on every agenda to allow members of the commission and members of the public full participation!

Lisa Marie Alatorre, Homeless Coalition, stated she would encourage you to also adopt the objectives because they do give some road map forward. She stated she personally is opposed to penalty increases. She stated there are a lot of proactive things that we can do.

A resident of San Francisco stated he loves the library and he encourages his students to take part. He stated he does not feel as safe in this library because there is so much activity going on. He said he likes to go to the other branches more because of that. He said there are a lot of services to the underserved and he said a lot of the things the library does is really great.

Commission Discussion

Commissioner Mall said she does not think the Code of Conduct is just for poor people or homeless people. She said this is about behavior and anybody using the library. She said her first thought was a different statement that has nothing to do with people's income level or where they

live. She said she is thrilled Commissioner Wardell-Ghirarduzzi is on the Commission and she is sure she will have some good ideas on how to frame this.

Commissioner Lee said he has no reservation on this policy statement that promotes equal access to information for all. He said this is about behavior and he has no problem with it.

Commissioner Wardell-Ghirarduzzi said that this is a good way to move forward to make some affirmations. She said she would be interested in looking at the objectives that go along with the statement as well. She said she would like to take the best of the ALA statement and apply it in a San Francisco context. She said she would be glad to help with whatever drafting of an affirmative statement that relates to our services to the poor. She said she sees this as a model but it doesn't mean that we can't do better.

Luis Herrera, City Librarian, said that the entire document was sent to the Commission for an earlier meeting so we were remiss in not sending it again, but we were focusing on the statement. He said we will bring that back to share with the Commission again.

Motion: By Commissioner Lee, seconded by Commissioner Mall, to endorse the ALA Policy Statement with the addition of the word "responsible" so that it reads "the ALA promotes equal access to information for all **responsible** persons."

President Ono asked if the statement could be modified.

Sue Blackman, Commission Secretary, said that the Commission could modify the statement since they are basically endorsing not adopting the statement.

Commissioner Wardell-Ghirarduzzi said she would be willing to move forward if this is a matter of endorsing the statement but with the thought that the San Francisco Public Library would move forward to create its own statement. She said she is not sure what the word responsible does to the meaning of the statement.

Commissioner Mall withdrew her second and made a substitute motion.

Motion: By Commissioner Mall, seconded by Commissioner Wardell-Ghirarduzzi, to endorse in spirit the ALA Policy Statement with the opportunity to customize it for SFPL and bring it back to the Commission.

Action: AYES 4-0: (Lee, Mall, Ono and Wardell-Ghirarduzzi).

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 CITY LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Maureen Singleton, Chief Financial Officer, gave an update of the FY 2015 and 2016 budget. She said the key budget drivers were enhanced capacity for safe and welcoming facilities; added custodial and security support, collections enhancements, technology investment, potential relocation of back-of-house operations and increases from labor agreements. She said as a reminder the Library has now gone to a two-year budget process so the next full budget process will be for the FY 17 and 18 budget. She said the Library has had key initiatives including expanded library hours. She said the Library now provides 1,370 hours per week system wide which is 14% more than mandated by City Charter Section 16.109.

Luis Herrera, City Librarian discussed the completion of the Branch Library Improvement Program. He stated that one of the key initiatives in the budgets the Teen Digital Media Lab, which will be 4,770 square feet at the Main Library on the second floor. He explained the construction schedule for this project and the other tenant improvements in the Main. He said the costs have been driven by a funding gap of \$1.3 Million and these include changes in construction market, compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, life safety code requirements and operational staffing needs. He said the funding source is the Library Preservation Fund and the new estimated revised program budget is \$6.8 Million.

Maureen Singleton, Chief Financial Officer, said another one of our key initiatives is youth and family services. She said we have served 243,000 children and teens through library programs, done outreach to 83,000 students through class visits, provide summer learning opportunities for children, teens and adults and will provide 125 scholarships for online high school diplomas. She said other key initiatives for the library include our collections, technology and innovation, and addressing socioeconomic equity. She showed a couple of graphs showing the budget sources of revenue and uses by expenditure type. She said the budget went to the Board of Supervisors in May instead of June this year and she explained the negotiations with the Board Analyst. She said the Board will finalize the budget in July and the Controller's Office will input all of the Board changes in July.

Luis Herrera, City Librarian, said he wanted to thank Maureen Singleton and her team and the Division Chiefs for all of their hard work on this budget.

Michelle Jeffers, Chief Community Programs and Partnerships, talked about the Summer Read program and our One City One Book program featuring Armistead Maupin's Tales of the City. She said Armistead Maupin will be at the Main Library on October 23 to talk about the book.

Maureen Singleton, Chief Financial Officer, gave the Bond Program Manager's Report. She said 7 property acquisitions are complete, the support services facility is in operation, 24 branches are complete and open and the old North Beach Library demolition is in progress. She

showed photographs of the Grand Opening of the new North Beach Branch Library.

Luis Herrera, City Librarian, said he wanted to share a slide presentation of the various celebrations of the branches on the completion of the BLIP program.

Explanatory documents: [FYs 2015 and 2016 Budget](#) presentation with [Attachments I](#) and [II](#); [One City One Book](#) presentation; [BLIP Quarterly Report](#); [BLIP Financial Report](#); and [Bond Program Manager's Report](#)

Public Comment

Ray Hartz, Director San Francisco Open Government, said the BLIP program ended up costing the citizens of San Francisco double what it was when sold to them originally. He said the Teen Center budget was \$5.3 Million and it is not enough and they need 25% more. He said the numbers on the bottom of the Financial Statement are made up numbers. He told the Commission to ask to see the documents that support those numbers. He said he has 17 Orders of Determination, more than half of those against the Commission or the City Librarian, in violation of the Sunshine Ordinance stating that these numbers do not exist. The City Librarian says there are no documents and basically he is lying to the public.

Peter Warfield, Executive Director, Library Users Association, said he concurs with the remarks of the previous speaker. He stated that the literacy and learning center is coming at the cost of the destruction of half of the library's bound magazine space. He stated the budget analyst talked about the library requesting seven new positions that include two positions for IT, two for security, one custodial supervisor and two custodians and no social workers. He said there was never a demonstration that there was a need for the kiosks.

Reese Isbell, said he had the honor of being the campaign staff for Proposition A for the BLIP program in 2000. He said he spent the year of 2000 learning about and visiting all the neighborhood libraries. He said many of the libraries were not seismically safe and there was a lot of discussion on what was needed for the branches. He said it is moving to him just being here and to say 14 years later we did it.

A San Francisco resident said there is so much beauty in the library. He said he would like to learn more because he usually only goes to a few of them but there are so many he wants to visit. He said thank you to the Commissioners for the work that they do.

Scott Staub, Executive Director, Friends San Francisco Public Library, said they are thrilled to be a partner with the Library on making the BLIP program a success. He said information on the financial numbers is always available for public inspection. He said on November 11 we are going to have a celebration to celebrate the achievements on the BLIP program.

Commission Discussion

Commissioner Wardell-Ghirarduzzi said it was nice to see the changes in the libraries.

Commissioner Lee said in the budget there is an investment in technology. He said at the beginning of the meeting there was a gentleman who said he was not able to use the computer. He asked if the self-help laptops would have been able to help that gentleman.

Michael Lambert, Deputy City Librarian, said they appreciate hearing the comments about the technology because it validates some of the work we are doing and we are looking at expanding our access to the internet and increase the daily time limit for internet access up to two hours depending on availability. He said the kiosks will also be an additional enhancement to expand access.

Luis Herrera, City Librarian, said the initial bond measure was for approximately \$106 Million and going into the project we knew that that was not enough. He said we received an additional \$10 Million of State funding and the voters also voted to allow us to go back for additional revenue bonds and re-scope some of the projects so that the projects like Bayview and Ortega have beautiful new libraries. He said all of the changes have been publicly vetted and supported and we appreciate that.

Commissioner Mall said she wanted to complement Michelle Jeffers for the great Summer Read program and she thanked Maureen Singleton for all her work on the budget.

President Ono thanked staff for all of these great reports.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 LABOR UNION REPORT

Andrea Grimes said she is one of the officers of the Librarians Guild of SEIU 1021. She said she wanted to reiterate the support of the renaming of the Bayview Branch for Linda Brooks-Burton. She said she wanted to encourage the Commission to rename the branch. She said Linda Brooks-Burton was a wonderful librarian, a mentor, colleague, and she truly deserves this honor.

Public Comment

Ray Hartz, Director San Francisco Open Government, said he is continually amazed by the fact that the Union representative very typically doesn't talk about the benefits or welfare of union members. He said if he were an employee of this library, he would not feel very comfortable. In bringing his concerns to you, simply for the fact that he has the impression that you really don't give a damn. He said some of the union members have told him that they feel if they came before you openly and honestly they would suffer retaliation. He said if you go back and look at

the meetings you've had and the issues they bring up they bring up almost nothing.

Peter Warfield, Library Users Association, said at a previous meeting the union expressed concern with the adequacy of staffing for the additional hours that have been provided at the library. He said the Library had recommended getting rid of every single 8 to 9 pm hour. He said fortunately the library had to back off all but three evenings and the Saturdays. He said the staffing issue was never fully discussed but it appeared to be a real concern for the librarians. He said he would be very interested in hearing about that and other issues the union may have.

Commission Discussion

There was no Commission discussion of this item.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FEBRUARY 20, 2014

Public Comment

Ray Hartz, Director San Francisco Open Government, said the reason he does the 150 word summaries in the minutes is because he spent years fighting this Library Commission to get what he had to say in public comment accurately represented or represented at all in some cases in the minutes of the meetings. He said 17 times he has gone back to the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force and he has a success rate of 78% in getting orders of determination. He said you would be ill advised to listen to Ms. Blackman because she loses all of these cases and there are many more people who have an understanding of Sunshine, the Brown Act and the Public Records Act than Ms. Blackman and basically she will say anything she thinks you want to hear.

Peter Warfield, Library Users Association, said typically very simple requests from the public are completely ignored and they are sometimes important in making things understandable or even correct. He said on page 1 under his comments it says that "He said there are systems that can be set up to offer more time. He said it is procrustean in its rigidity." He said what would make it clear is if it said that the library's policy and practice is procrustean in its rigidity. He said he was referring to the one hour limit that a member of the public had talked about. He said on page five it states "the entire west wing of the fifth floor where bound magazines stood for decades and available for browsing." He said that should read "were available for browsing."

Commission Discussion

Motion: By Commissioner Mall, seconded by Commissioner Lee, to approve the [Minutes of February 20, 2014](#).

Action: AYES 4-0: (Lee, Mall, Ono and Wardell-Ghirarduzzi).

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES APRIL 17, 2014

Public Comment

Ray Hartz, Director San Francisco Open Government, said we have said repeatedly that the Commission makes to minutes if you don't like what they say but if the public asks for changes you don't give a damn. He said he spent four years fighting the Library Commission to get the 150 word summaries in the minutes. He said in March the Ethics Commission had a hearing which was noticed coincidentally the day after he left the State and the hearing was heard the day before he got back. He said Mr. Herrera went in and lied to the Ethics Commission about what it would take to get the public's use of the audio visual. He said if you are going to restrict us to two minutes, I'm going to use every two minute opportunity that I have because you are not going to shut people up.

Peter Warfield, Library Users Association, said the lack of discussion on the previous item is sad. He said under the first item under Public Comment his remarks were well done, but he wanted to clarify that this Commission used to meet twice a month and in prior years once a month with two subcommittees meeting once a month each so a total of three meetings. He said the Commission has decided that rather than taking the heat it would rather just duck out. He said the last sentence should read "He said the nominee is somebody **he thinks** would be a great improvement. . ." not "He said the nominee is somebody he would think would be a great improvement . . ." He said that is an example of the Commission not allowing favorable comments that we make to be shown there so you can continue to say we are just naysayers. He said on page 17 it says that he said ". . .since 1994 and again 2007 when the concept of every five years having a review of hours must take place." He said that should read the **law requires** that every five years a review of hours must take place."

Commission Discussion

Commissioner Wardell- Ghirarduzzi asked about how amendments to the minutes can be made.

President Ono said the Commissioners can amend the minutes and then take action on the amended minutes.

Sue Blackman, Commission Secretary, said when the minutes are amended they read "Approved as amended" and the amendment would be included. She said you can also ask that I go back and listen to the tape to see if there is a correction that needs to be made.

Commissioner Lee asked about the corrections and what was being asked.

Peter Warfield, Library Users Association, clarified that on page 2 it should read somebody he thinks would be a great improvement. He said on page 17 under public comment for item 6 it should state that the law requires that every five years having a review of the hours.

Motion: By Commissioner Mall, seconded by Commissioner Lee, to approve the [Minutes of April 17, 2014](#) as amended to change a sentence on page 2 under Peter Warfield's remarks to read: "He said the nominee is somebody he thinks would be a great improvement over her predecessor" and on page 17 under Peter Warfield's remarks to read: "since 1994 and again 2007 when the law requires a review of hours must take place every five years."

Action: AYES 4-0: (Lee, Mall, Ono and Wardell Ghirarduzzi).

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9 ADJOURNMENT IN HONOR OF OLIVE 'BABS' WILBUR GAMBLE WAUGH; DR. MAYA ANGELOU AND JOHN G. FETROS

Luis Herrera, City Librarian, said that Olive Wilbur Gamble Waugh was a former long standing member of the Friends of the Library Board. He said we all know the merits of Dr. Maya Angelou and John Fetros was a former staff librarian at one of our neighborhood libraries as well as at the Main.

President Ono said she would like to add that Olive Gamble Waugh according to her obituary established or developed Project Read.

Public Comment

Peter Warfield, Library Users Association, said he approves and supports adjourning in the memory of those three people. He said he does not think you should approve this without discussion about putting New Business back on the agenda, which is where the Commission has a chance to say what he or she would like to see on an agenda. He said that is a key part of an open and democratic process.

Ray Hartz, Director, San Francisco Open Government said he completely concurs with adjourning in remembrance of the individuals listed, especially Dr, Maya Angelou and he doesn't have the words to express his admiration and respect for her. He said Mr. James Chaffee should be considered for recognition/ because he came to these library commission meetings for more than 30 years and that is devotion. He said Mr. Chaffee was a very, very devoted citizen who exercised his rights to look into the operation of government.

Deborah Doyle, Friends of the Library said appreciates that you are adjourning in honor of Dr. Angelou and Mr. Fetros, but she said she wanted to talk about Babs. She said Babs was one of the beginning members of Friends and for years and years she worked with the Friends when the Main Library was just a glimmer in the eye of the Friends. She

said Babs was so committed to literacy, education and this library and she is so grateful that you are adjourning in her honor

Motion: By Commissioner Mall, seconded by Commissioner Wardell-Ghirarduzzi, to adjourn the regular meeting of June 19, 2014 in memory of Olive "Babs" Wilbur Gamble Waugh, Dr. Maya Angelou, and John G. Fetros.

Action: AYES 4-0: (Lee, Mall, Ono and Wardell-Ghirarduzzi)

The meeting adjourned at 7:17 pm.

Sue Blackman
Commission Secretary

Explanatory documents: Copies of listed explanatory documents are available as follows: (1) from the commission secretary/custodian of records, 6th floor, Main Library; (2) in the rear of Koret Auditorium immediately prior to, and during, the meeting; and (3), to the extent possible, on the Public Library's website <http://sfpl.org>. Additional materials not listed as explanatory documents on this agenda, if any, that are distributed to library commissioners prior to or during the meeting in connection with any agenda item will be available to the public for inspection and copying in accordance with Government Code Section 54954.1 and Sunshine Ordinance Sections 67.9, 67.28(b), and 67.28(d).